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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Thank you for your letter of October 13, 1978 which forwarded the concerns of Mr. Richard W. Kalesnik, of the Human Rights Committee in Springfield, Massachusetts, concerning slave labor camps in the Soviet Union and the uses to which they are put.

The Central Intelligence Agency has produced a classified study on Soviet concentration camps and is presently preparing an update on that study [REDACTED]
Needless to say, we would be pleased to brief you or your Committee on our findings.

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However, there have been no unclassified studies prepared by the Intelligence Community on the subject of Soviet concentration camps inasmuch as the sources of the information we have on those camps warrant the protection afforded through classification.

I am sorry that we cannot be more responsive to Mr. Kalesnik's questions, but I trust that you will understand our position.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner
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The attached letter to Chairman Boland is responding to his letter of October 13, 1978 which forwarded the concerns of Mr. Richard Kalesnik concerning slave labor camps in the Soviet Union and the uses to which they are put. This letter is recommended for your signature.

Frederick P. Hitz

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